

CONGRESSMAN MEL WATT
North Carolina's 12th Congressional District
U.S. Service Academy Nominations

Each year I nominate graduating high school seniors from the 12th Congressional District for appointments to the U.S. Military, Naval, Air Force and Merchant Marine Academies. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination.

With regard to the USAFA, USNA and USMA, there are various nomination authorities, with each eligible candidate being able to apply to both United States Senators from the applicant's state, his or her United States Representative, and the Vice President (if highly qualified). Each Representative and each Senator is allowed to have five persons charged to his or her quota at each Service Academy at any one time. With regard to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, a Representative may nominate a candidate who resides in the State where his or her Congressional District lies rather than just the District itself.

As competition for nomination and appointment is keen, all interested persons should apply through all sources for which they are eligible and for all Service Academies in which they have a real interest. An individual may be nominated by more than one nominating authority and/or to more than one Academy.

My Academy Selection Committee interviews each applicant. A nomination is based on SAT/ACT scores, class rank, physical aptitude scores, extracurricular activities, physical fitness, medical examination and letters of recommendation. **The deadline for submitting a completed application is November 1, 2010.**

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following basic eligibility requirements by July 1 of the year you seek admission to a Service Academy:

- Must be a United States Citizen; and
- Must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed his or her 23rd birthday; and
- Must be unmarried; and
- Must have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

For additional information, you may contact one of my offices or the Service Academy to which you wish to apply.

Academies websites:

U.S. Military Academy: www.usma.edu

U.S. Air Force Academy: www.usafa.af.mil

U.S. Naval Academy: www.nadn.navy.mil

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy: www.cga.edu

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The following items are essential and must be submitted to my Charlotte office before your application for nomination to a Service Academy can be completed:

- The Application for Nomination.
- An official copy of your College Board Testing Program (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) results. The SAT code for Congressman Watt is 0421; the ACT code is 7590.
- Three letters of recommendation. One must be from an **English** instructor, one must be from a **Mathematics** instructor and one must be from another individual, other than a relative. Please submit no more than three letters of recommendation.
- A transcript of your high school grades, including verification of your class rank.
- An essay (500 words or less) explaining your reasons for wanting to attend a Service Academy.
- A small photograph of yourself.

Please return the Application for Nomination and all supporting materials in one large envelope as a single application packet to the Charlotte office. All materials must be postmarked no later than **November 1, 2010** to assure that your application will be considered.

Please send to: Congressman Melvin L. Watt
ATTN: Service Academy Nomination Coordinator
1230 W. Morehead Street, Suite 306
Charlotte, NC 28208

Application for Nomination to Service Academy

Congressman Mel Watt

North Carolina's 12th Congressional District

You must apply to the Service Academy and request that they open a pre-candidate file for you.

1. Name: _____

Last
First
Middle

2. Current Address: _____

City	State	Zip
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3. Permanent Address: _____

City	State	Zip
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4. Telephone Number: () _____

5. Email Address:

6. Social Security Number: _____

7. Date of Birth: _____

8. Names of Parents or Guardians:

9. Address (if different from yours): _____

City	State	Zip
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10. High School Attending: _____

City State Zip

11. Cumulative High School Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

12. Rank in Class: _____ Total Number in Class: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

13. Are you a United States Citizen? _____

For the following questions, attach additional sheets if necessary.

14. Extra Curricular School Activities: _____

Non-School Extra Curricular Activities: _____

Work Experience: _____

15: Academy Preference (first, second, third choice, in order of preference):

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Merchant Marine
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Naval

16. Have you or will you apply for a nomination from another elected official?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, official:

17. Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this form and any attachment/enclosure is true, complete and correct. I understand that the deadline is **November 1, 2010**. If I have not submitted all requested information postmarked by this deadline, I understand that my application will not be given consideration.

Signature

Date

Please return this application to:

Congressman Melvin L. Watt
1230 West Morehead Street, Suite 306
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Adam Hall in my Charlotte District Office by email at Adam.Hall@mail.house.gov or by phone at 704-344-9950.